

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A pay-out tube adapted to be used in conjunction with a capable container for directing cable from a winding disposed within the container. The pay-out tube includes a molded tube  
5 for receiving and guiding cable from the interior of the cable container and includes a surrounding wall having a series of spaced-apart ribs integrally molded into the wall and extending from the wall such that the thickness of the individual ribs exceed the thickness of the wall. Further, the pay-out tube includes a cable retainer including a surface having at least one slit formed therein that defines two sections, at least one section being deflectable and which  
10 opens in response to a cable end being inserted between the two sections, permitting the cable to move between the two sections and be held by the two sections.

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